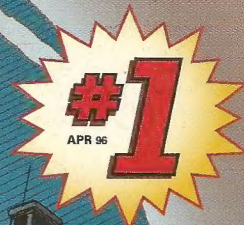


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"BLACK AND
WHITE AND RED
ALLOVER"--

--IT DOESN'T
TAKE A DETECTIVE TO
FIGURE OUT WHERE
YOUR CLUE WAS POINT-
ING TO, HYENA..."



... BUT HOW DOES THE GOTHAM GAZETTE PRINTING PLANT FIT INTO YOUR NEFARIOUS SCHEME?

THAT'S FOR ME TO KNOW AND YOU TO FIND OUT, DARK CLAW!

AREN'T YOU CURIOUS AS TO WHY I DROPPED YOU A HINT ABOUT WHERE I WAS GOING TO STRIKE NEXT?

BRAKABRAKABRAKA!

NOT MUCH.

--IT'S NO FUN IF I JUST TELL YOU!

THIS ISN'T TWENTY QUESTIONS!

I DON'T EXPECT YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME, ANYWAY!

SCRRIP!

THWAK!

SHRANK!

YOU WERE ALWAYS SUCH A HUMORLESS STICK-IN-THE-MUD!

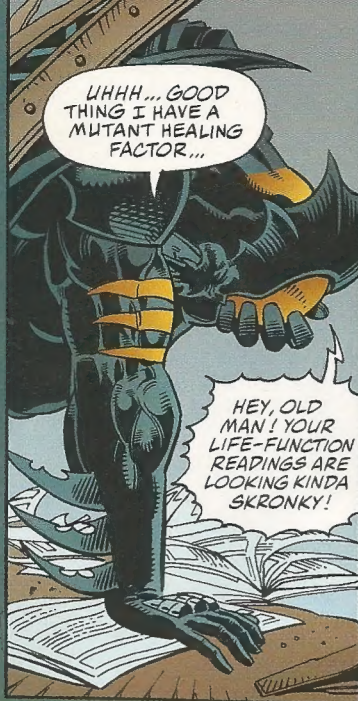
AWW--

SLAM!

SO INFLEXIBLE!

YOU NEVER WANT TO PLAY!!

BRAAAP!



UHHH... GOOD
THING I HAVE A
MUTANT HEALING
FACTOR...

HEY, OLD
MAN! YOUR
LIFE-FUNCTION
READINGS ARE
LOOKING KINDA
SKRONKY!



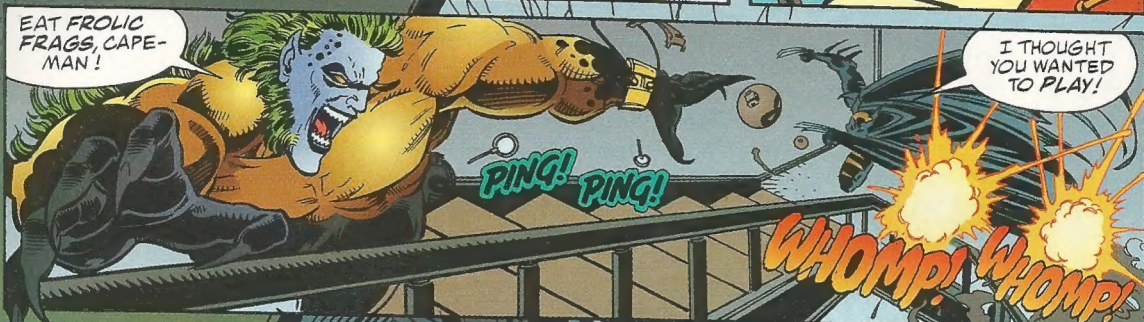
KEEP YOUR
EYE ON THE
HORIZON AND
CHECK YOUR SIX,
SPARROW...

...THE HYENA
IS HEADING FOR
THE ROOF, SO
BE PREPARED TO
COVER ME!

ROGER
THAT--



--AND SAVE
A PIECE OF THAT
GIGGLING GEEK
FOR ME!



EAT FROLIC
FRAGS, CAPE-
MAN!

PING! PING!

WHOMP! WHOMP!

I THOUGHT
YOU WANTED
TO PLAY!



OH, I DO,
I DO!!

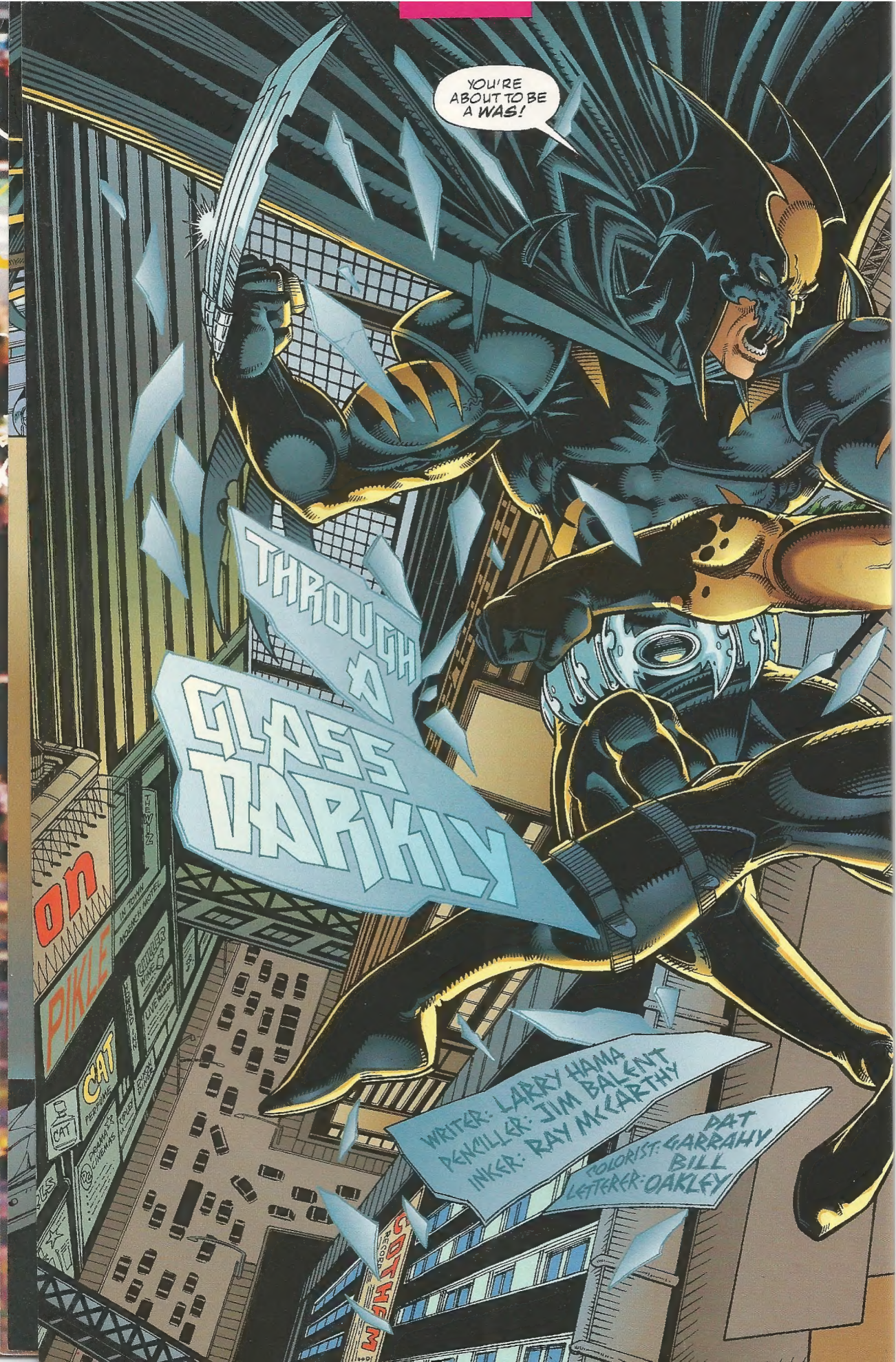
--HOW
ABOUT
TAG?

SCHREKK!

KA-SHOON!

MY
CHOICE--?

AM I
IT--?



YOU'RE
ABOUT TO BE
A WAS!

THROUGH
A
GLASS
DARKLY

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BILL
LETTERER: OAKLEY



OH,
MY!!

HOW
UNCHARACTERISTI-
CALLY DROLL!!

HAVE WE
BEEN STAYING
UP LATE AND
WATCHING THE
COMEDY
CHANNEL?

SPAK!

POP!

ASSOCIATE
EDITOR: JORDAN B.
GOLFINKEL

EDITOR: DENNY
O'NEIL

SPOK!



THIS IS THE
END OF YOUR
STAND-UP ROUTINE,
HYENA!

GIVE ME ONE
GOOD REASON
WHY I SHOULDN'T
JUST CUT YOUR
THROAT AND DROP
YOU INTO
TRAFFIC!



NO
ALTERNATE
SIDE OF THE
STREET BODY-
DUMPING ON
WEEKDAYS?

WEAK.

OH, I'VE GOT
A BOOOOD
ONE--!



--HOWABOUT
MY PACK SHOWS UP
AND BLOWS YOU
AWAY??



STEP BACK,
BOSS--AND
WE'LL WASTE
HIS FACE!



KEEP
BLASTING!
HE'S
RUNNING
OUT OF
ROOF--!

TEINNG! BWEE! PINK!

AWW!
NO MORE
WOOF!

PAWK CWAW
GONNA FALL DOWN,
GO BOOM!



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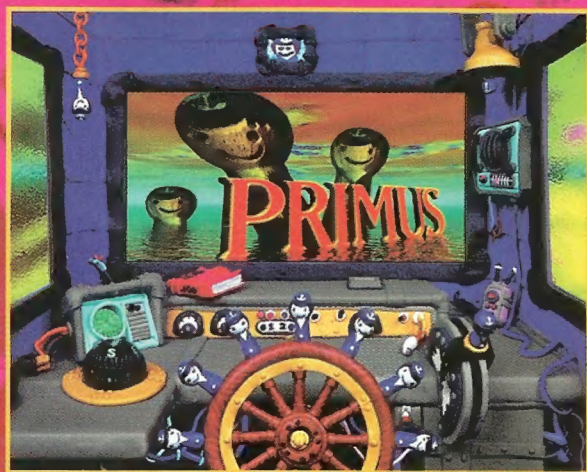
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I'M NO PUDDY TAT, HYENA!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, OLD MAN!

DON'T CALL ME THAT!

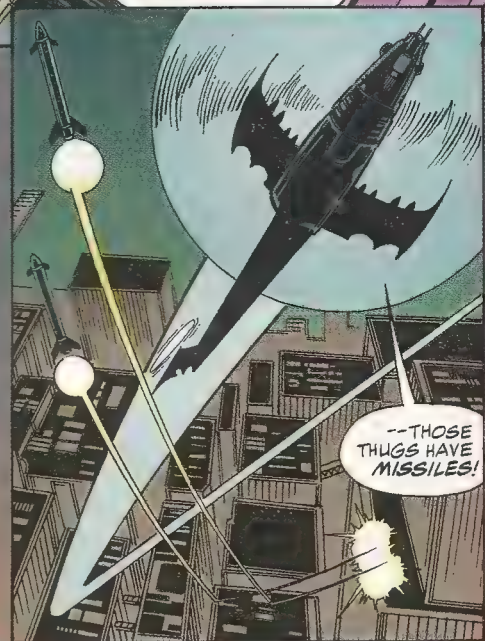
LOOK, YOU STUCK ME WITH SPARROW WHEN I WANTED TO CALL MYSELF DEATH URGE OVERDRIVE--

SPARROW IS A PERFECTLY GOOD NAME--

--WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

COMIN' AROUND FOR A STRAFING RUN--

KICK OVER THE CYCLIC--!

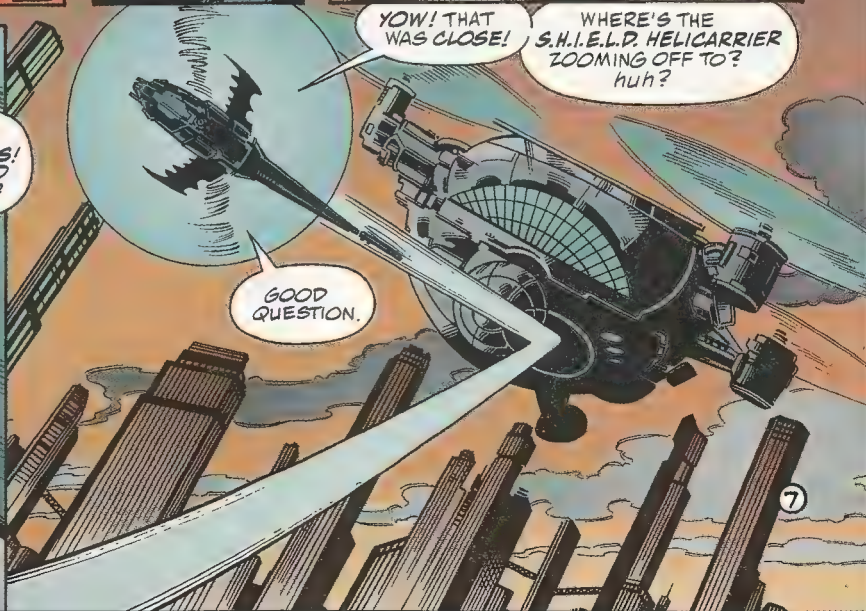


--THOSE THUGS HAVE MISSILES!



HEAT SEEKERS! HOW DID YOU--?

HANG ON!



YOW! THAT WAS CLOSE!

WHERE'S THE S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER ZOOMING OFF TO? huh?

GOOD QUESTION.

MEANWHILE, IN THE
ARTSY-TRENDY
SECTION OF GOTHAM...

BEEP!

11:45 PM. I HAVE
DISABLED THE ALARM
SYSTEM AND I AM NOW
ENTERING THE PENTHOUSE
LOFT OF ONE LOGAN, TECHNO-
WIZARD, PAINTER, SPORTS-
MAN AND WALKING
ENIGMA.

I AM IN WHAT
APPEARS TO BE
HIS STUDIO.

A PROFUSION
OF LARGE, BOLD
CANVASSES IN HIS
DISTINCTIVE STYLE;
SAID BY SOME
CRITICS TO "POSSESS
THE FURY OF FERAL
SLASHES."

THERE
ARE STAIRS...

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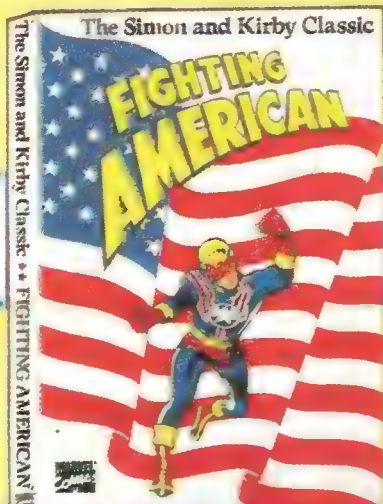
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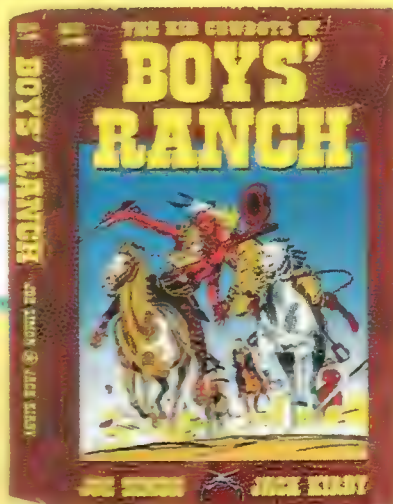


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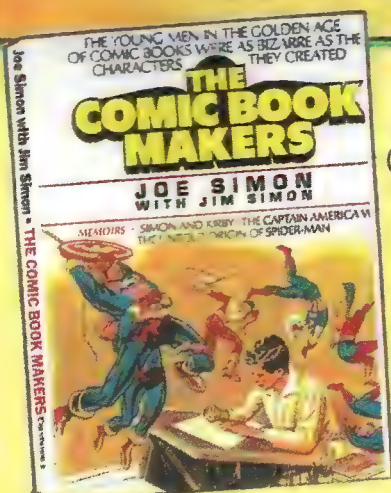
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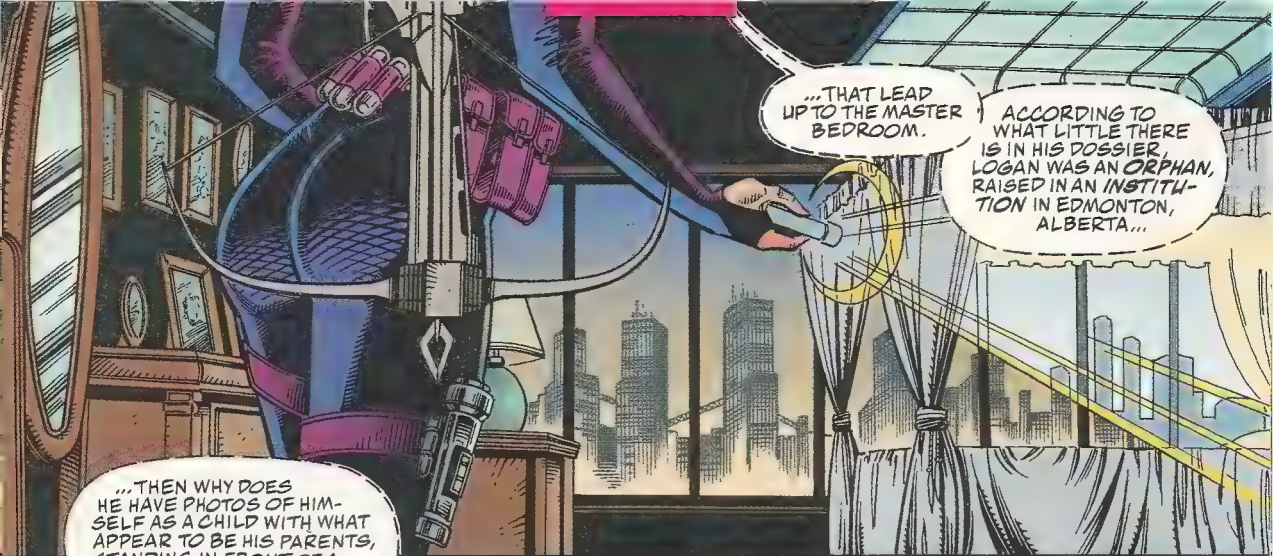
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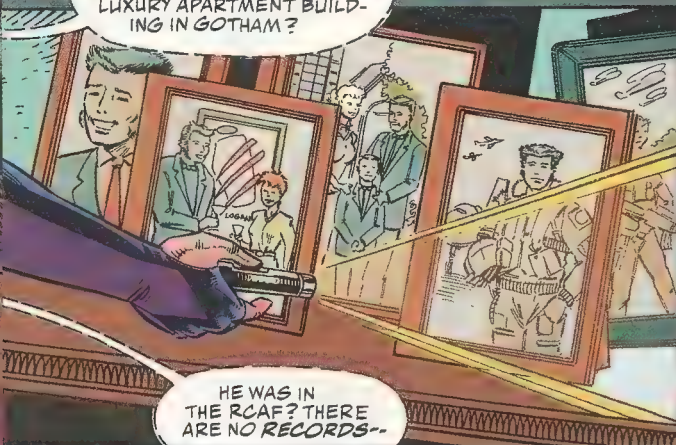
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...THAT LEAD UP TO THE MASTER BEDROOM.

ACCORDING TO WHAT LITTLE THERE IS IN HIS DOSSIER LOGAN WAS AN ORPHAN, RAISED IN AN INSTITUTION IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA...

...THEN WHY DOES HE HAVE PHOTOS OF HIMSELF AS A CHILD WITH WHAT APPEAR TO BE HIS PARENTS, STANDING IN FRONT OF A LUXURY APARTMENT BUILDING IN GOTHAM?



HE WAS IN THE RCAF? THERE ARE NO RECORDS--

AND WHAT WAS HE DOING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA? AND--

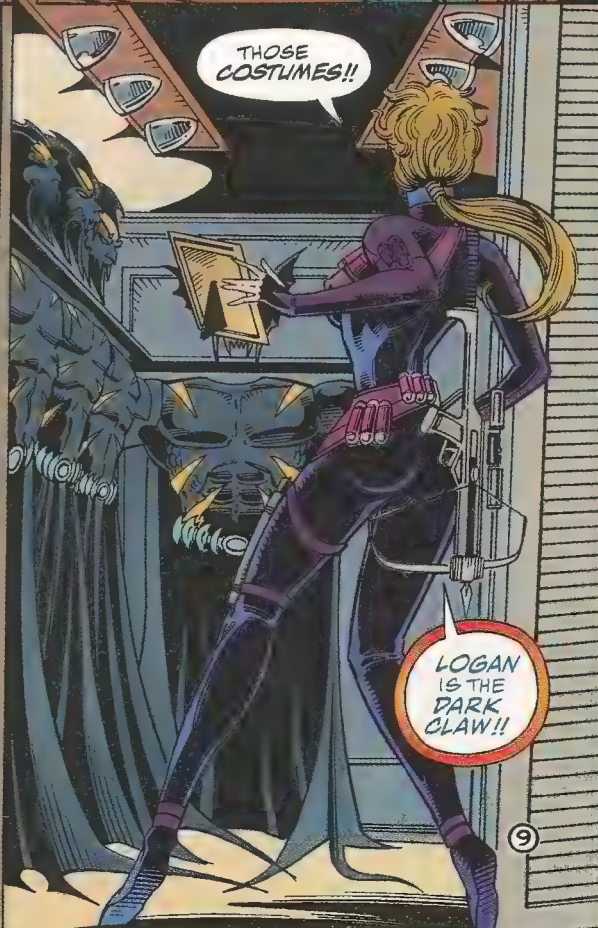
--THE OTHER MAN IN THIS PHOTO IS CREED!



THAT MEANS HE KNEW THE MYSTERIOUS MR. CREED H. QUINN BEFORE THE PROJECT--



--GOOD LORD!!



THOSE COSTUMES!!

LOGAN IS THE DARK CLAW!!



AND YOU ARE
THE HUNTRESS--

--A.K.A.
CAROL
DANVERS!

A SECRET
PASSAGE AND
ELEVATOR BEHIND
THE CLOSET WALL--
SO THAT'S HOW
YOU GET IN AND
OUT--

BUT
HOW DID
YOU KNOW
WHO I
WAS--?

I'M A
DETECTIVE,
REMEMBER?



WHAT
ELSE HAS YOUR
IMPERTINENT
SNOOPING
UNCOVERED?

NOT
MUCH!

WHEN I
ACCESSED YOUR
ULTRA-ULTRA FILE IN
THE TOP SECRET
ARCHIVES, IT TURNED
OUT TO BE AN ELABOR-
ATE FICTION!

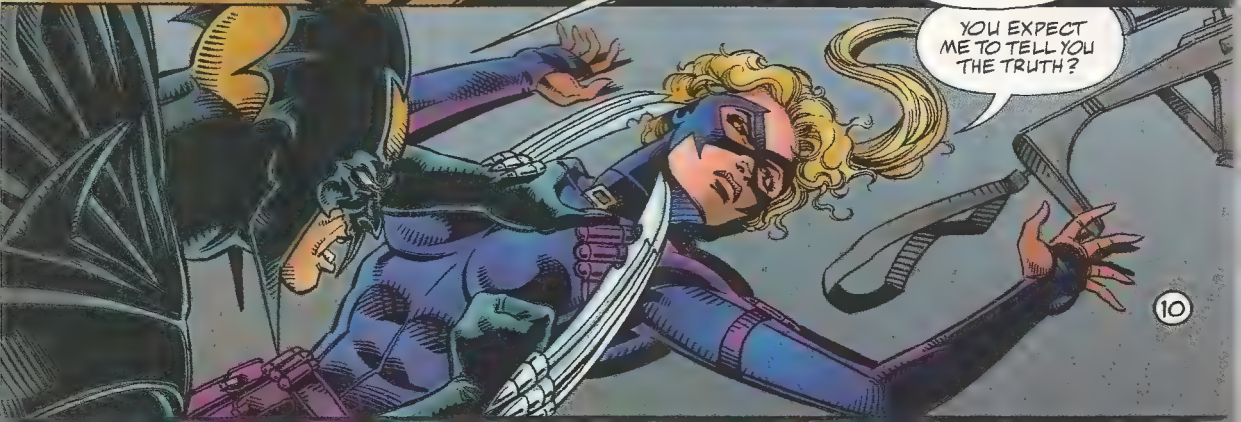
JUST HOW
DEEP IS YOUR
COVER,
LOGAN?

AS DEEP AS YOUR
OWN, IF YOU KNOW THAT.
MUCH ABOUT ME!




YOU USED TO
RUN OPS FOR SOME
NO-NAME, NO-VISIBLE
BUDGET, FEDERAL
PUZZLE-PALACE
DIRECTORATE--WORD
WAS YOU WENT
ROGUE.

YOU'RE OUT
IN THE COLD,
RIGHT? RUNNING
ON A LONG
LEASH?



YOU EXPECT
ME TO TELL YOU
THE TRUTH?




WHAT DO I DO WITH YOU?


I'M BLOWN IF I LET YOU WALK OUT OF HERE.

HOW DID YOU TUMBLE ON TO ME, ANYHOW?

I WASN'T OUT TO TRACK DOWN DARK CLAW-- I WAS AFTER THE HYENA...




... AND THE HYENA'S TRACKS HAVE A WAY OF CROSSING LOGAN'S!



LOGAN, CREED, AND FOUR OTHERS WENT INTO A SECRET CANADIAN PROJECT BACK WHEN THERE WAS STILL AN EVIL EMPIRE TO BATTLE.

ALL THE RECORDS OF THAT PROJECT HAVE BEEN CONVENIENTLY DESTROYED...



...EXCEPT FOR A FEW FRAGMENTS OF NOTES BY A PROFESSOR CARTER NICHOLS WHICH MENTION TWO SCIENTISTS NAMED CORNELIUS AND HINES.

"I TAKE IT THAT SOMETHING WENT TERRIBLY WRONG AT THE PROJECT--?"

ACTUALLY, THE PROGRAM WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS.

IT PRODUCED EXACTLY WHAT IT SET OUT TO PRODUCE...



"...A REMORSE-
LESS KILLING
MACHINE
DEVOID OF ALL
HUMAN
COMPASSION.

"A
PERFECT
WEAPON.



"THEY FORGOT ONE
IMPORTANT THING
ABOUT WEAPONS.



"THEY ARE
USUALLY INERT
OBJECTS THAT
CAN'T GET UP
OFF A TABLE
AND DO HARM BY
THEMSELVES."



THEIR MISTAKE
WAS IN CREATING A
WEAPON WITH AN
IMAGINATION.

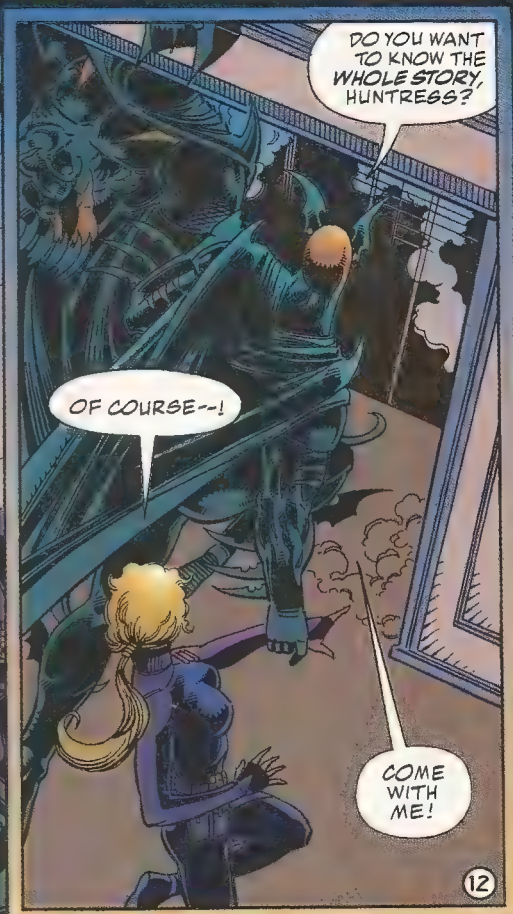
THAT
WAS
YOU?

NO.

I WAS THE
FAILURE.

USELESS
TO THEM AS
A WEAPON,
YOU SEE...

... BECAUSE I
WAS POSSESSED OF
A CONSCIENCE.



DO YOU WANT
TO KNOW THE
WHOLE STORY,
HUNTRESS?

OF COURSE--!

COME
WITH
ME!

EEEEEEEEE!

DON'T PANIC ON ME, MS. DANVERS--!

THIS IS A PNEUMATIC TUBE WITH AN AIR-CUSHION AT THE BOTTOM.

--WELCOME TO THE BARROW.

THAT PORTRAIT-- IT'S THE SAME AS THE ONE IN YOUR BEDROOM...

...ARE THEY YOUR PARENTS?

I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD WHEN THEY WERE SHOT DOWN IN FRONT OF ME BY AN ARMED ROBBER.

I WAS SENT TO LIVE WITH MY UNCLE IN ALBERTA, UP NEAR BUFFALO WOOD. HE WAS A MOUNTIE. SOME POACHERS AMBUSHED HIM AND LEFT HIM TO DIE IN THE SNOW. THE RCMP SENT ME TO A HOME RUN BY NUNS. AS SOON AS I WAS OLD ENOUGH, I SIGNED UP FOR THE AIR FORCE--

--ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE SECURITY!

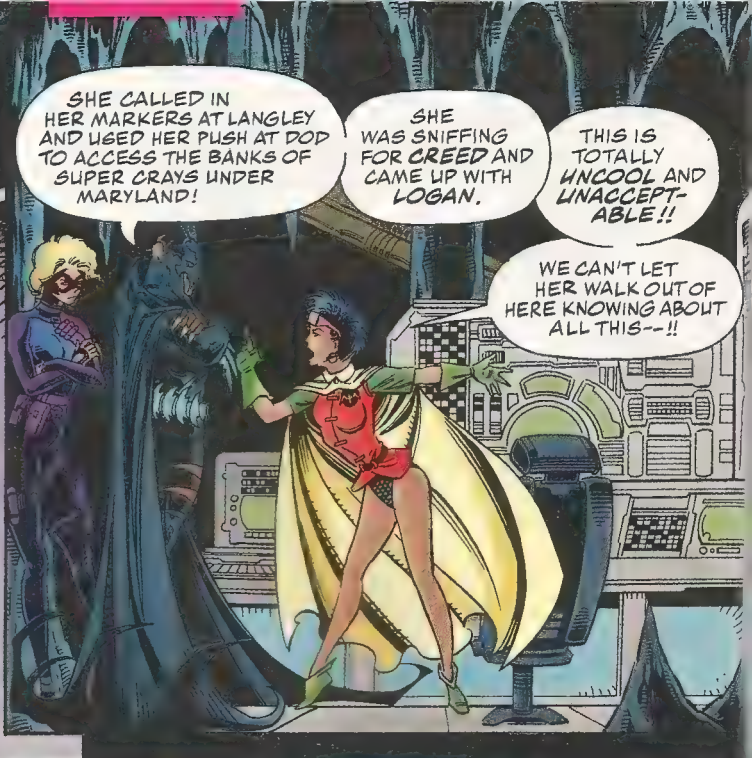
CREED WAS IN THE SAME OUTFIT! THAT WAS THE LINK! THAT'S WHERE YOU--

WE ARE GOING DEEP BELOW THE BED-ROCK OF GOTHAM, DOWN TO A LAIR THAT ONLY TWO OTHER PEOPLE HAVE EVER SEEN OR EVEN HEARD OF--

HEY--!!



--WHAT'S THIS
DAMAGED BIMBO
DOING IN HERE??



SHE CALLED IN
HER MARKERS AT LANGLEY
AND USED HER PUSH AT DOD
TO ACCESS THE BANKS OF
SUPER CRAYS UNDER
MARYLAND!

SHE
WAS SNIFFING
FOR CREED AND
CAME UP WITH
LOGAN.

THIS IS
TOTALLY
UNCOOL AND
UNACCEPT-
ABLE!!

WE CAN'T LET
HER WALK OUT OF
HERE KNOWING ABOUT
ALL THIS--!!



WHAT DO YOU WANT ME
TO DO, SPARROW--?

WELL--YEAH!!

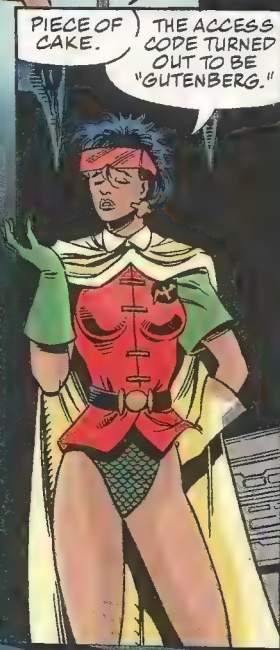
--TAKE HER OUT
IN THE WOODS AND
LOSE HER?

GET REAL,
KID. DID YOU TIE
DOWN THE HELI-
COPTER IN THE
ROOF HANGAR?



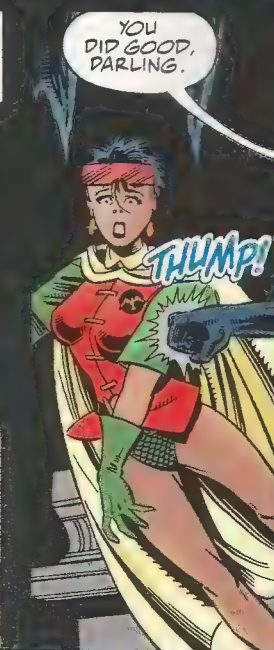
TIED DOWN AND SECURED.

I SEE YOU
ALREADY
HACKED YOUR
WAY INTO THE
TYPESETTING
COMPUTER AT
THE GOTHAM
GAZETTE.

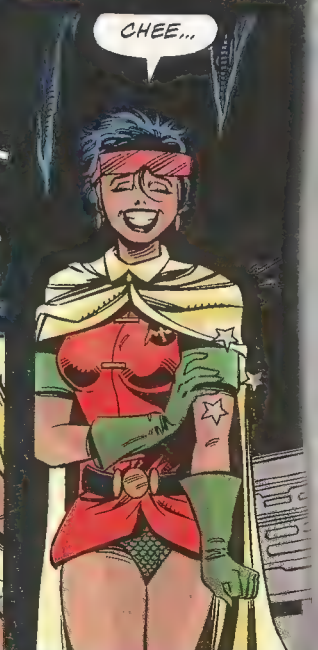


PIECE OF
CAKE.

THE ACCESS
CODE TURNED
OUT TO BE
"GUTENBERG."



YOU
DID GOOD,
DARLING.



CHEE...

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN THE GAZETTE COMPUTER?

WHEN I TANGLED WITH THE *HYENA* AT THE PRINTING PLANT, I NOTICED THAT *CREED* WAS WEARING A STATIC ELECTRICITY DISCHARGE WIRE ON HIS WRIST.

HE WASN'T THERE TO PLANT A BOMB AT ALL-- HE WAS THERE TO GO INSIDE THE GUTS OF A *COMPUTER*--

--THE DISCHARGE WIRE IS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE MEMORY.

HE'S A REAL JOKER, 'CLAW--

PUNCH IT UP, SPARROW!

--MAYBE HE WAS MESSING WITH THE HEADLINES FOR THE MORNING PAPER?

ALREADY PUNCHED, AWESOME ONE!

WHUZZIS, A REBUS?

SO, WHY GO TO ALL THAT TROUBLE TO INTERFERE WITH THE *TYPOGRAPHY* OF THE NEWS-PAPER?

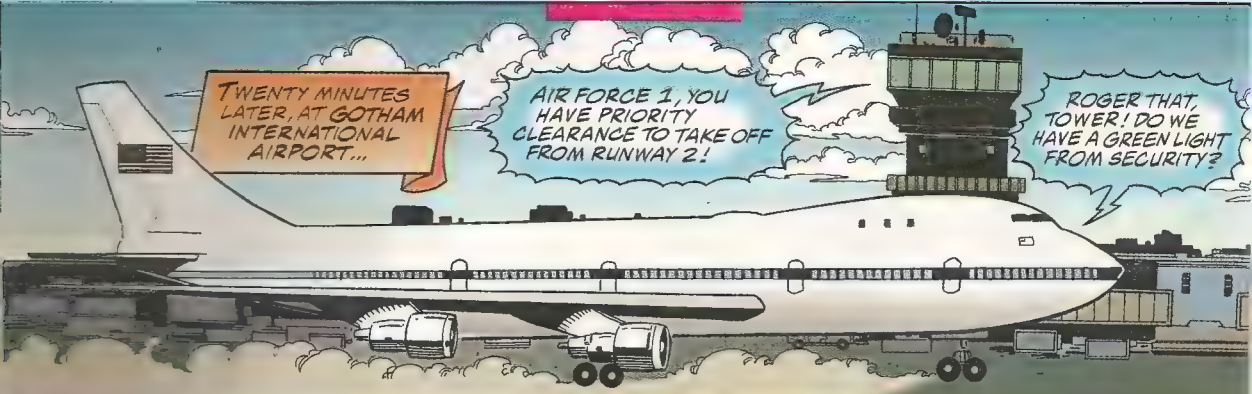
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AF 1+NaCN=

"AF1" IS AIR FORCE 1--THE PRESIDENT'S PLANE!

AND "NaCN" IS SODIUM CYANIDE-- A DEADLY POISON!

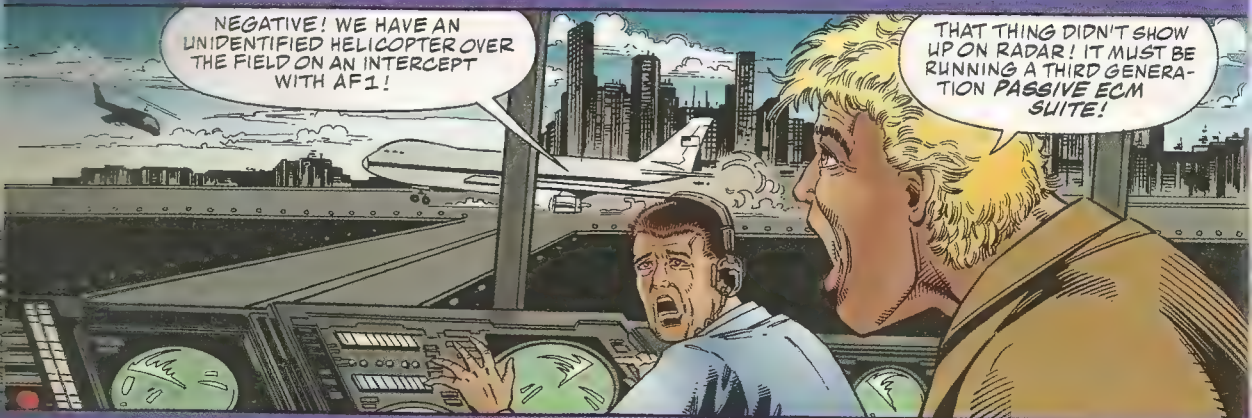
THE PRESIDENT IS IN GOTHAM AND DUE TO FLY BACK TO WASHINGTON IN TWENTY MINUTES!



TWENTY MINUTES
LATER, AT GOTHAM
INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT...

AIR FORCE 1, YOU
HAVE PRIORITY
CLEARANCE TO TAKE OFF
FROM RUNWAY 2!

ROGER THAT,
TOWER! DO WE
HAVE A GREEN LIGHT
FROM SECURITY?



NEGATIVE! WE HAVE AN
UNIDENTIFIED HELICOPTER OVER
THE FIELD ON AN INTERCEPT
WITH AF1!

THAT THING DIDN'T SHOW
UP ON RADAR! IT MUST BE
RUNNING A THIRD GENERATION
PASSIVE ECM
SUITE!

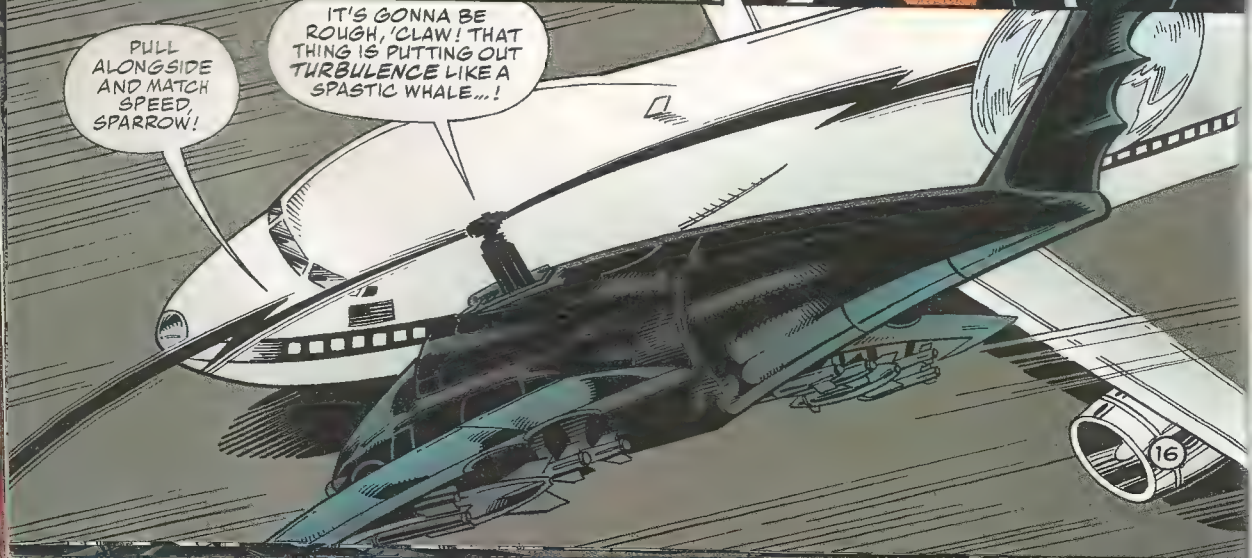


WE HAVE A BOGEY INTERCEPT!
ABORT THE TAKEOFF!

WE CAN'T! TOO MUCH
VELOCITY AND NOT ENOUGH
RUNWAY! WE'RE
COMMITTED!!



SITUATION
RED! SECURE THE
QUARTERBACK!



PULL
ALONGSIDE
AND MATCH
SPEED,
SPARROW!

IT'S GONNA BE
ROUGH, 'CLAW! THAT
THING IS PUTTING OUT
TURBULENCE LIKE A
SPASTIC WHALE...!

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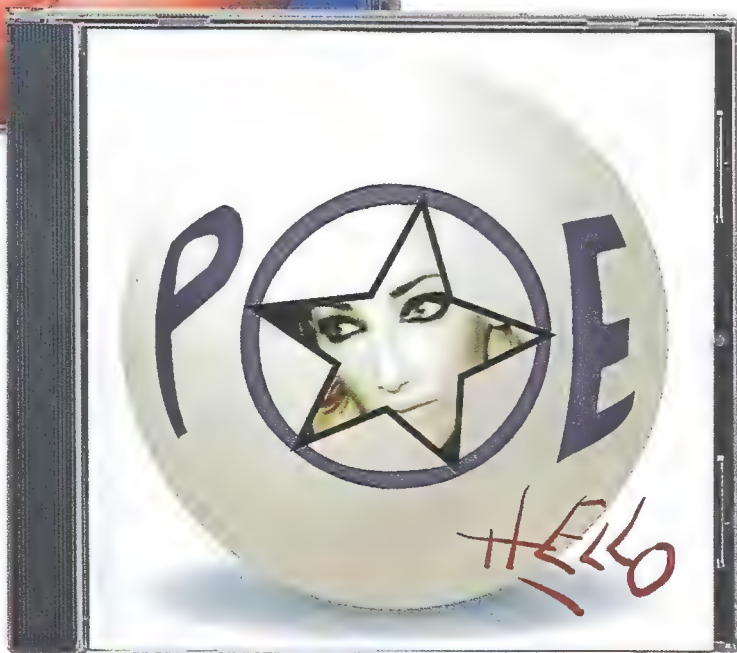
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...TELL
THE SLUT
TO TAKE HER
SHOT!

GO FOR IT,
HUNTRESS!

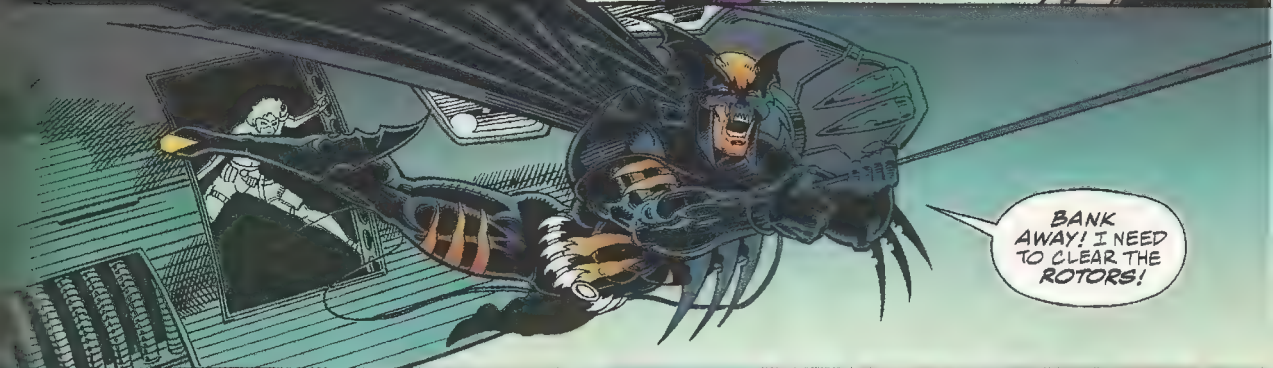
I WILL AS SOON
AS YOUR JUVENILE
ASSISTANT GETS US
IN THE CORRECT
ALIGNMENT!



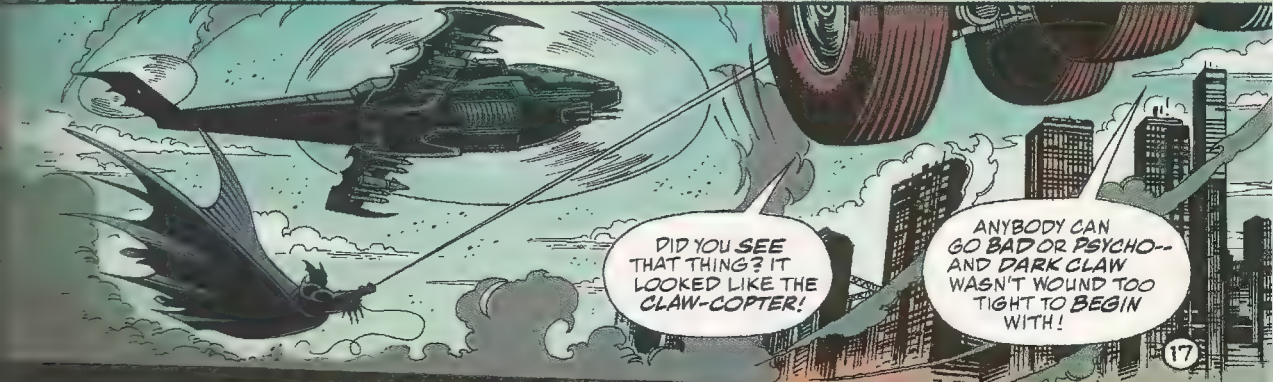
THIS IS AS
GOOD AS IT GETS,
WILHEMINA
TELL!

BEEN READING YOUR
CLIFF NOTES, eh?

JUST
SHOOT!



BANK
AWAY! I NEED
TO CLEAR THE
ROTORS!



DID YOU SEE
THAT THING? IT
LOOKED LIKE THE
CLAW-COPTER!

ANYBODY CAN
GO BAD OR PSYCHO--
AND DARK CLAW
WASN'T WOUND TOO
TIGHT TO BEGIN
WITH!

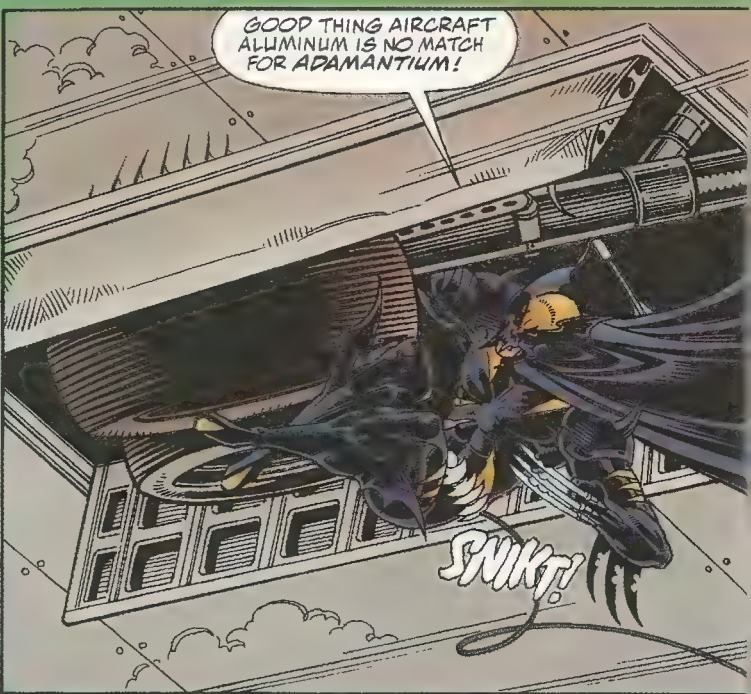


GEAR IS
RETRACTING...

HAVE TO
GET UP INTO
THE WELL
BEFORE THE
COVERS CLOSE
AND LOCK!

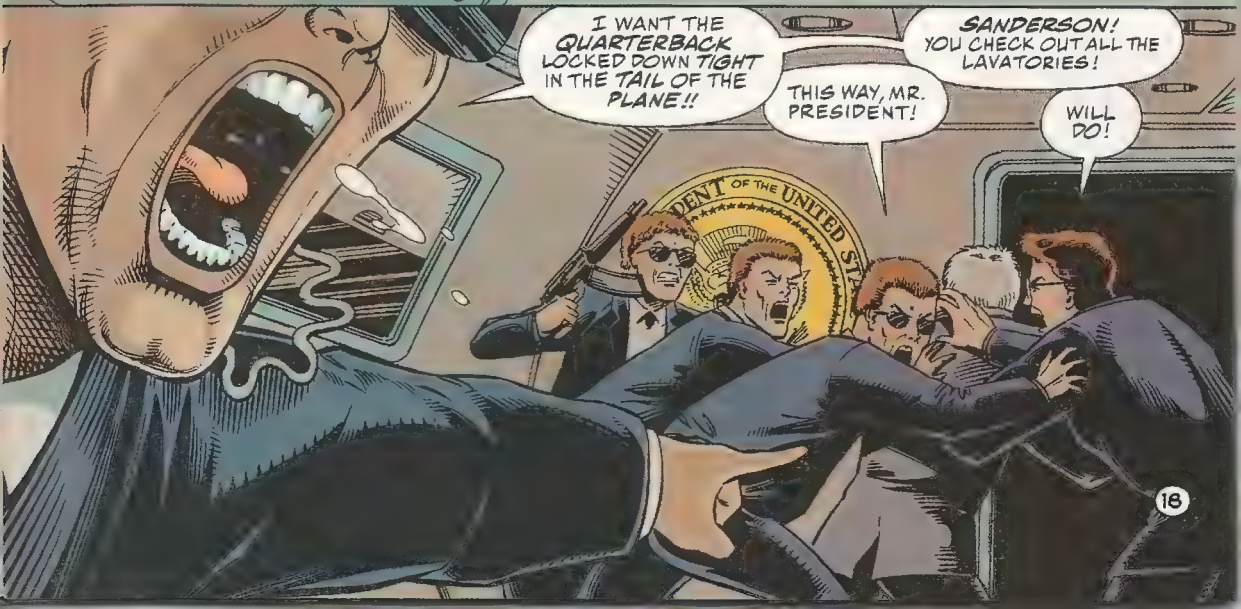


HE'S
CLIMBING UP
THE NOSE
WHEEL!



GOOD THING AIRCRAFT
ALUMINUM IS NO MATCH
FOR ADAMANTIUM!

SWIFT!

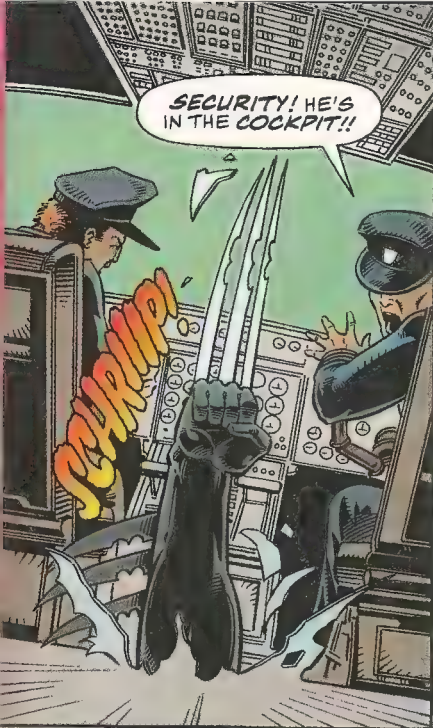


I WANT THE
QUARTERBACK
LOCKED DOWN TIGHT
IN THE TAIL OF THE
PLANE!!

SANDERSON!
YOU CHECK OUT ALL THE
LAVATORIES!

THIS WAY, MR.
PRESIDENT!

WILL
DO!



SECURITY! HE'S IN THE COCKPIT!!

I'M NOT THE THREAT! YOU HAVE TO SEARCH--



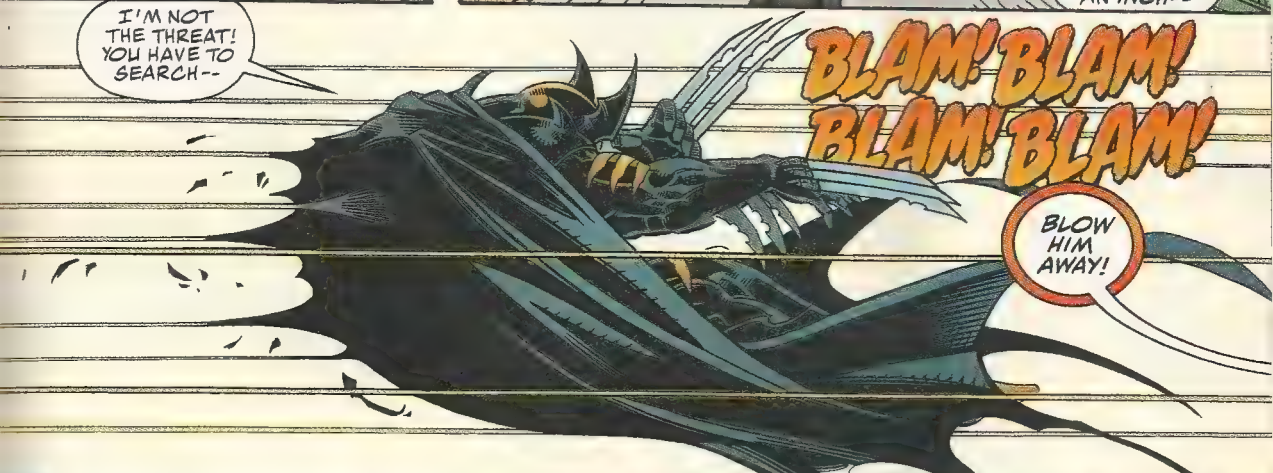
I'M HERE TO WARN YOU!

THE HYENA IS MAKING AN ATTEMPT ON THE PRESIDENT'S LIFE--

THE ONLY COSTUMED WACKO I SEE AROUND HERE IS YOU, BUDDY!

YOU FOOLS! HE'S PROBABLY ALREADY ON THIS PLANE!! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW--

FREEZE! DON'T MOVE AN INCH--



BLOW HIM AWAY!



SANDERSON! HAVE YOU CLEARED THE LAVATORIES?

I'M CHECKING THEM NOW!

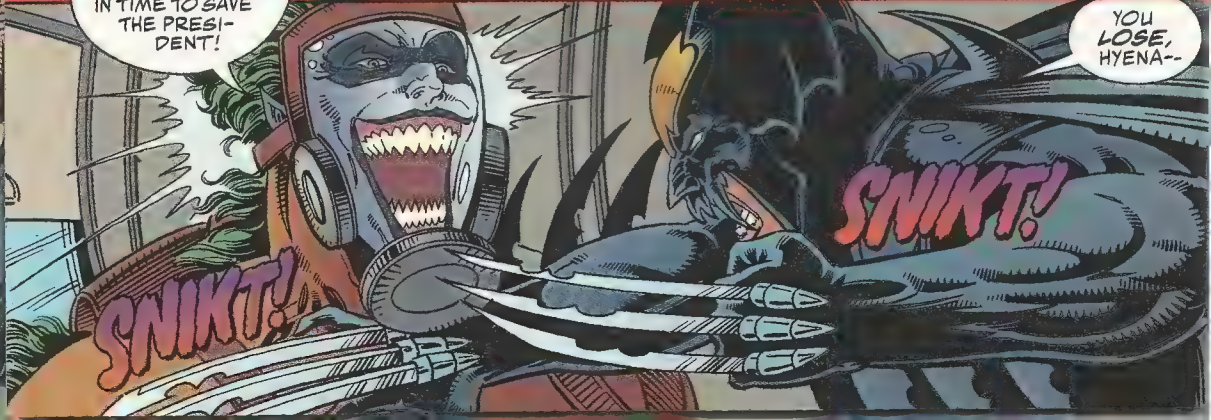
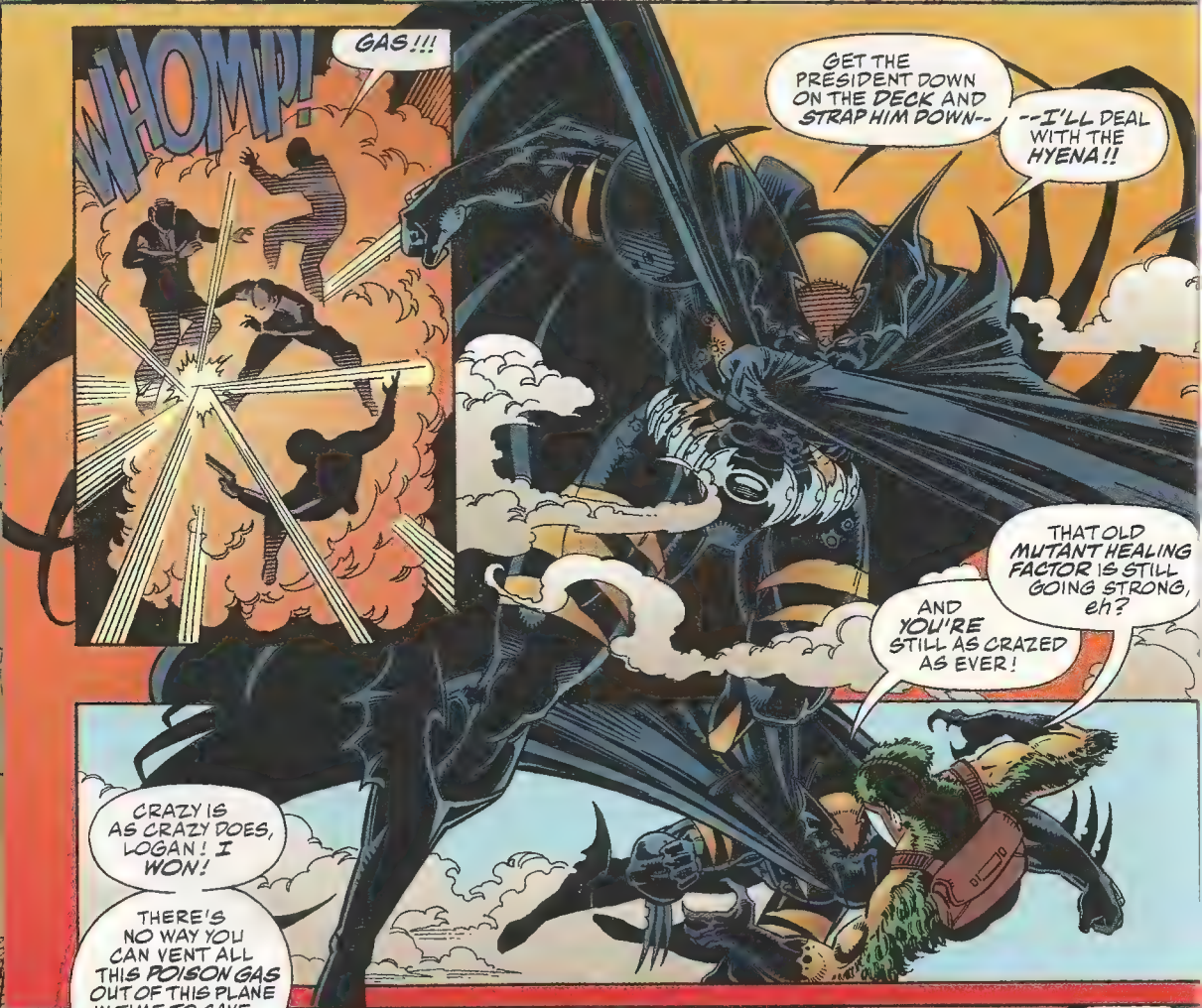
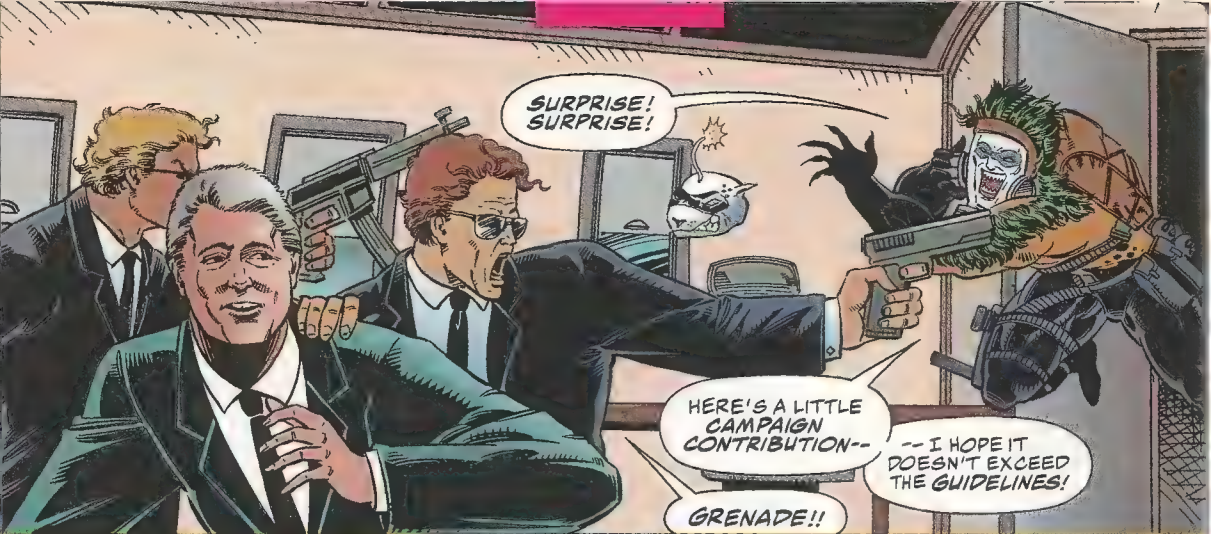


THIS IS NO WAY TO GET A HEAD, LAD!

THIS WOULD PROBABLY PUT YOUR CAREER IN THE TOILET--

--THAT IS, IF YOU WEREN'T ALREADY DEAD!!

KA-CHUNG!





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SHRRRRRIIPPA!

--YOU FORGOT
ABOUT THE
ADAMANTIUM!!

PA-T-HOOOOOOOM!

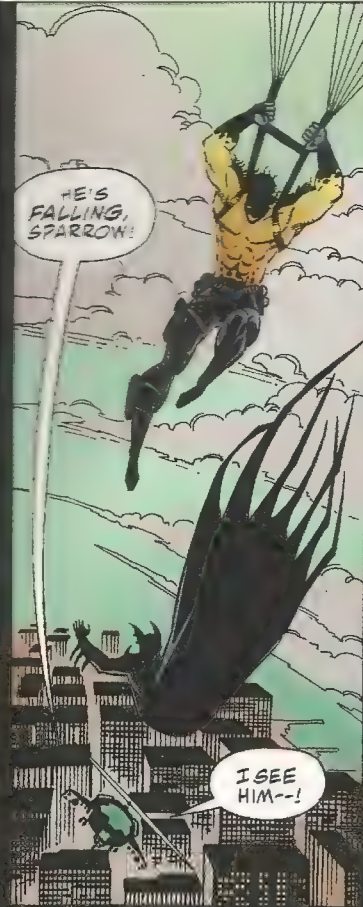
BUT
YOU'RE
NOT--!

THE EXPLOSIVE DECOMPRESSION
BLEW US BOTH OUT OF THE PLANE AND
SUCKED OUT MOST OF THE POISON! THE
PRESIDENT IS SAVED!

BETTER START
FLAPPING YOUR
ARMS, LOGAN!

**HAAAA
HAAAA
HA!**

--BECAUSE
YOU DIDN'T BRING
A PARACHUTE, AND
I DID!!



HE'S
FALLING,
SPARROW!

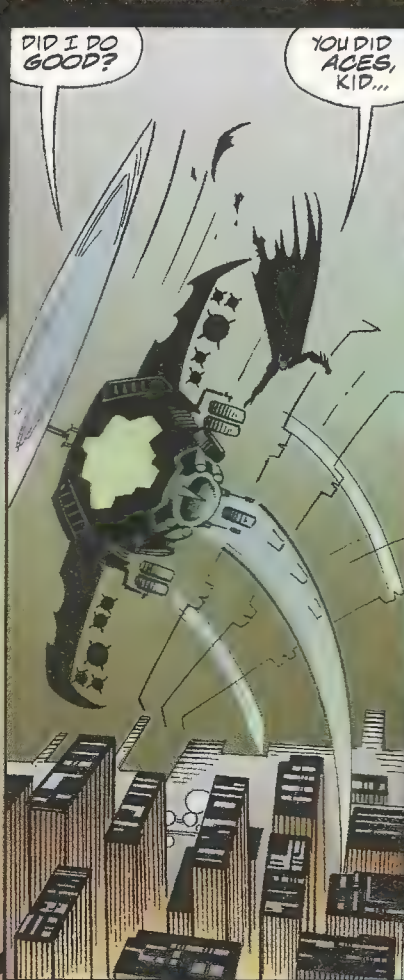
I SEE
HIM--!



I HOPE THAT
KID HAS GOT HER
TIMING DOWN!



I HOPE THE
OLD MAN'S GOT HIS
TIMING DOWN!



DID I DO
GOOD?

YOU DID
ACES,
KID...



... NOW CIRCLE BACK
AND LET ME GET ANOTHER
CRACK AT THE HYENA!!

NEXT ISSUE:
THIS CLAW!
THIS CROSSBOW!

Dear bodacious clawed one,

Congratulations on getting your own book, and about time if I don't say so myself! I am thoroughly blown away by awesome savage in-your-face-ness and all that cool stuff you say when you're ripping the guts out of nasty bad guys and tearing their faces off with your adamantium claws! One thing, though; You ought to dump that wussy little whiner Jubilee and get yourself a REAL sidekick! I mean, what kind of cheap power is that she has anyway? You could replace her with a midget and a bag of firecrackers! Get somebody as bad and gnarly as the HYENA! Either that or some totally awesome BABE! Yeah! Some totally babed-out ultratwist like some of those nice ladies they have on BAYWATCH! So that's the ticket, dudes—more ripping and stomping and punching claws through brains and tearing out spinal cords through left nostrils and more outrageous totally mind-boggling, to-sell-your-soul-for, never-dream-of-getting-near-one-in-the-real-world FURIOUSLY ENDOWED BABES!!!! Get the picture?

Zachary Feuer
Los Angeles, CA

We shall take your comments into consideration.



Dear Editorial People,

I am a long-time collector of Sleuth Comics. I own three complete sets in three condition grades as well as several hundred "traders." My devotion to this particular title has always had more to do with consistency of characterization and logical complexity of the story line rather than the "flavor of the month" art team. This is why I am profoundly disturbed by the current trend towards ret-con and revisionism. Don't you realize that these characters are standing upon several decades of accumulative history? How can you be so cavalier with story lines established by such giants of the industry as G. Waldo Emerson, Elihu Ramakrishna, Paul Kupperberg and E. Nelson Bridwell? Who is this upstart Larry Hama, anyway? Wasn't he the writer on "Sgt. Fury and the Combat-Happy Joes of Easy Company"? What kind of credentials are those for taking over a flagship character like Dark Claw? Larry Hama couldn't write his way out of a paper bag if it was on fire! He actually writes stories that have ENDINGS!! That's not what we want!! He doesn't make allusions to sitcoms, *Star Trek*, and other icons of pop culture. He doesn't even use CAPTIONS, for heaven's sake!!! How are we going to get our daily dose of purple prose without CAP-

SHRED 'EM AND WEEP

TIONS!! There are those of us out here who LIKE our comics to be pretentious!

Aemon Goldstein
Toronto, Ontario

Golly, Aemon, you certainly have opinions, don't you?



Dear Dark Claw Staff,

I am very pleased indeed with the current creative team on Dark Claw, and I am thrilled that the "Taloned Avenger" is getting his own title at last! I remember Mr. Balent's work from "John Jones, Vampire Hunter" and "Prince Namor the Aqua-Man" and I thought it was quite impressive back then, but lately, it seems he has really found his style and brought his drawing ability right up to the stellar level! I have always enjoyed Mr. Hama's writing and I appreciate the many literary allusions and asides he makes. I, too am a big fan of William Blake, W.B. Yeats and Cormac McCarthy. I was quite impressed with the whole "Agamemnon's Ghost" arc. The visual references to Goya, Bosch and Brueghel (the Elder) were so implicit to the plot, and that paraphrase of the subway sequence from B. Krigstein's "The Master Race" (E.C. Comics) was utterly mind-boggling. I did catch the reference to *The Trojan Women* and the casual aside about Raskalnikov climbing the stairs to murder the pawnbroker in *Crime and Punishment*! Keep up the good work!

Simon Fraser Cains
Anglesey, N. Wales



Dear Slicers and Dicers,

I wrote a song about Dark Claw. Here it is:

Who the baddest raddest dude?
Who got the style, who got the moves?
Who throws down on the gangstas and the rudes?
Who chucks the molesters off the roofs?
It's Dark Claw!
Snikt!
It's Dark Claw!
Snikt!
If you lootin' and shootin'

And a bumpin' and
a-thumpin'
You better get straight
Or you gonna get a
lumpin'
'Cause the Clawed
Canuck
Gonna mess you up
Gonna rip out your
kidneys
And mail them down
to Sidney
Australia and then
he's punchin'

Your face into luncheon
Meat all covered with ketchup
While you just standin' there
Sayin' "What's up, what's up?"
And outside it's raining fists on your head
If you didn't know better, you think you
was dead
Dark Claw!
Snikt!
Dark Claw!
Snikt!

How do you like this song? It needs a heavy house beat with some rad samples. If you like it, I have hundreds more. Your best fan,

Tshonge Arbutnot
Cleveland, OH

What can we say, Tshonge? We are touched, we are moved, we are transported. Hope to see more of your songs right here on these pages!



Dear Creators,

Thank you for remembering that there are a few of us left who appreciate a good story and who actually read the comic instead of bagging it in mint condition. I know you have to answer to the accountants and lawyers who run the corporation, and you have to make concessions to the sales department who pressure you to have big events and crossovers and metallic covers with die-cuts and holograms. It is a lot to stand up against. I just wanted to thank you for caring about the characters as much as the ordinary reader and giving us stories with real human impact.

Margo Bobarek
Staten Island

NEXT ISSUE: Whose side is the Huntress really on? You'll be devastated when you learn the awesome answer in—"This Claw, This Crossbow!"

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Greetings, Amalgamaniacs! This is the month it happens—where the Amalgam Universe bursts wide open and we launch twelve (count 'em—twelve) new titles featuring some of your favorite Amalgamated superstars in their own titles at last! This is a comic book counterrevolution and you, sensation-seekers, are getting in on ground zero!

We could heap on more hype, but instead we'd like to shift gears a moment and talk about something truly important in the cosmic scheme—namely, brotherhood. Friends, go out and make an effort to get along with someone whose ethnicity, religion, political affiliation, or comic book preference is unlike your own. After all, we're all passengers on the same planet going 'round, and when it gets down to it, everybody wants the same basic things out of life. So let's each do our part to make the ride go a bit smoother. Says us!

Now, with that off our chest, we want to remind you, the second wave of the Amalgam Era of Comics is now upon us! And it wouldn't be happening if you mighty Amalgamites didn't demand it. Accelerate!

— M.M. CARWALD



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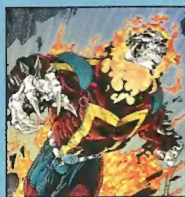
BULLETS & BRACELETS #1: Years ago an unlikely romantic interlude between Trevor Castle and Diana of Themyscira produced a child. Now this punishing man and wonderful woman must unite once more to save their son from Thanosoid! By John Ostrander, Gary Frank, and Cam Smith!



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LEGEND OF THE DARKCLAW #1: The adamantium-clawed nocturnal protector of New Gotham is joined by Sparrow, his spunky protégé, in his war against the feral and psychotic Hymna! By Larry Hama, Jim Balent, and Ray McCarthy.



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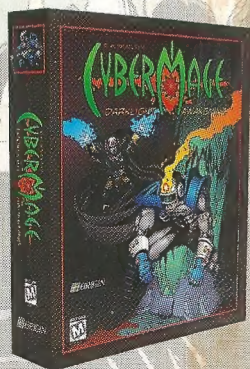
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